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There could be no mistake in the diagnosis, four physicians unanimously agreeing on the case. It is reported that cases and deaths of beriberi are not of infrequent occurrence in the above-named district of Nicaragua. It is also reported that there have been numerous cases and deaths among the men employed in the mahogany camps scattered throughout this country.

From inquiries made I have learned that prior to this beriberi had never occurred in Bluefields itself. Local physicians confirmed this statement, and records show no cases of or deaths from this disease.

#### PANAMA.

#### *Report from Colon—Yellow fever situation on the Isthmus—Death of case removed from steamship Finance—Prevalence of mosquitoes.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, June 16, as follows:

Since my report, dated June 12, 1905, there have been officially reported in Panama 13 new cases of yellow fever and 4 deaths; in Colon 1 new case and 1 death. These would bring the total number of cases on the Isthmus for the period June 1 to June 15 to 24, with 7 deaths. These cases were distributed as follows: Panama 12; Colon 6; Culebra 4; Empire 1; La Boca 1. Of these 16 were employees of the Canal Commission, 1 an employee of the Panama Railroad, and 7 not employed by the Canal Commission nor the railroad.

The case of yellow fever reported as having been removed from the steamship *Finance* on the 10th instant died in Colon Hospital on the 14th, the necropsy confirming the diagnosis. The source of the infection in this case is still in doubt.

There is no doubt that the infection is widely disseminated both here and in Panama, and that in spite of the extensive fumigation there still remain undiscovered foci of infection.

Since the beginning of the rainy season mosquitoes have been so abundant as to amount to a veritable plague. Even the north beach, which is generally free during the prevalence of the trade winds, is infested with swarms of them. The most prominent genus at present seen is the *Anopheles*, although the *Stegomyia* is also abundant. The hospital, situated on the reef along the northern edge of the island, swarms with mosquitoes of all varieties, which are to be found in the nets in the screened wards. No sooner is a building opened after fumigation than it is again filled with mosquitoes. Considering the enormous area of standing water in and around the town, the problem of the extermination or even diminution in the number of mosquitoes presents almost insurmountable difficulties. Whatever has been done in the city of Colon in the way of mosquito extermination has thus far shown no results.

#### *Plague death at Panama.*

Received by telephone from Consular Bureau, State Department, June 26, 1905:

Information that the case of plague at Panama had died.